telephone connections on out of turn basis;

(b) what are the provisions for the allotment of telephone connections on humanitarian grounds; and

(c) what are the details of telephone connections released on out of turn basis during the period 1993 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Out of turn telephone connection is given only to deserving applicants after an objective assessment of genuineness of the urgency for a telephone for the applicants and on humanitarian grounds.

(c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cancellation of World Bank Loan to Power Sector

*305. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 29th July, 1994 under the caption "World Bank cancels $ 750 million loan to India";

(b) if so, the details of the cancelled projects in power sector, project-wise; and

(c) how the affected State Government are likely to be compensated for the losses; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the report in Hindustan Times of 29th July, 1994 regarding alleged World Bank Loan cancellation.

Factually, the amount involve is not $ 750 m but only S 568 m as per Statement in respect of savings on account of fluctuations in currency on completion of projects as well as cancellation of loan. (See below).

(c) For the Karnataka Power Project I and Karnataka Power Project II, the State Government of Karnataka has initiated action to explore the possibility of completing these projects through involvement of the private sector.

Statement

Details of projects, amount of loan and reasons for cancellation

SI. No.	Name of the Projects/ Implementing Agencies	Amount of cancellation	Reason for cancellation
1.	Kerala Power Project —KSEB	US $ 35M (1994-95)	Due to savings
2.	Farakka-II —NTPC	US $ 22 M (1993-94)	-do-
3.	Talcher Thermal —NTPC	US $ 8 M (1993-94)	-do-
4.	National Capital Power — NTPC	US $ 35 M (1993-94)	-do-
5.	Karnataka I —KEB/KPCL	US $ 250 M (1993-94)	Due to non-compliance of loan covenants established by the World Bank
6.	Karnataka II KEB/KPCL	US $ 218 M (1993-94)	-do-
	TOTAL:	US $ 568 M	